The Broadcasting Law has to been enacted by the Parliament yet. The Government propose to bring before the Parliament a comprehensive legislation which will, *inter alia*, provide for regulatory mechanism for various aspects of broadcasting.

(d) The test transmission of the new channel of Doordarshan--GYAN DARSHAN (Educational Channel of India) was launched on 26th January., 2000. The channel is in initial stage and increase/improvement in its various programme segments including those on science and technology will be taken care of, as needed.

Telecasting of Nepali films with sub-title

3140. SHRI DAWALAMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that, Doordarshan does not telecast Nepali film with sub-title like films in other regional language;

(b) the reasons for such discrimination;

(c) whether Government will agree to give relaxation for at least ten years to any such policies which has debarred the telecasting of Nepali films with sub-title; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati have intimated that films in Nepali language, like films in other regional languages can also be telecast on the National Network of Doordarshan provided such films fulfil the eligibility criteria. It has further been intimated by Prasar Bharati that no Nepali language film has so far been offered to Doordarshan for telecast.

Time for Telecasting Nepali Programmes

3141. SHRI DAWALAMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Calcuta Doordarshan has slashed down the time of telecasting of Nepali programmes during last two years;